

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket No. D.T.E. 02-24/25
Responses to the Attorney General's Fifth Set of Information Requests**

Request No. AG-5-19 (Electric)

Refer to Exhibit FGE-MHC-2A. Please explain, in detail, the calculations contained in this exhibit. Include an explanation of the rate class "sub-categories" and why these were used rather than the general rate classes. Explain why the Company did not base this adjustment on normalized bill determinants and actual rates in effect for the relevant months.

Response:

Exhibit FGE-MHC-2A demonstrates the customer, demand and energy charges recorded by FG&E for the period 1/5/01 through 10/17/01, test year data prior to the base rate change on 10/18/01. On 10/18/01, FG&E reduced its rates for customer charges and distribution demand and energy charges by 8.28% for all of its rate classes. FG&E's Electric Division estimated the pro-forma adjustment to test year revenues for the 10/18/01 rate reduction by applying the 8.28 percent reduction to the revenues recorded prior to 10/18/01. This yields the same result, except for minor rounding, that would have been achieved by applying the rates in effect after 10/18/01 to the billing units which produced the revenue recorded prior to 10/18/01. The total of the last column, -\$984,963 is the amount that test year distribution revenue would have been decreased had the 10/18/01 rates been in effect for the entire year.

The rate class sub-categories shown are the rate codes in each rate class. Since the data was recorded at this level, it has been reported this way for ease of reference. The calculations at this level do not differ from what they would have been had the classes been reported in total.

The Electric Division did not normalize its electric test year bill determinants in this filing.

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